necessary to have a Christian member on the War Purpose Committee?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Government did not consider it necessary to constitute the Committee on a communal basis.

LEGISLATION—REFERENCES OF DRAFTS TO HIGH COURT

255. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the drafts of proposed legislation are or were in any cases sent up to the High Court for the expression of opinion of the Honourable Judges, and if the answer is in the affirmative ;

(*b*) will the Government find it possible to stop the practice ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*

(*a*) Not generally, but in some cases drafts are sent to ascertain their views on the proposed legislation.

(*b*) Government do not think it necessary.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, what is the practice obtaining in British India ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The same practice.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Have the Government enquired ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know what is the harm in doing so ?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* They will be assisting the legislation, and since they have pronounced an opinion even if it is wrong they will be influenced by it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* The Judges cannot look to the debate on a bill for matters of interpretation.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Human mentality being what it is and since the Judges are human beings there is a possibility that they will be influenced by the opinion once expressed by them.

Mr. Deputy President: Order, order. We cannot have a regular debate on this occasion.

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